

Please amend the claims as follows:

12. (Amended) An electronic coin comprising an electronic data file embodied in computer-readable media encoded with computer data identifying the following informational fields:

- slc1
- a unique serial number;
 - an amount of a valuable commodity that said electronic coin represents;
 - a name of a storage site where said commodity is stored;
 - a date wherein said date represents when said electronic coin was created;
 - a Digital Hallmark™ for verifying the authenticity of said electronic coin.

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13. (Amended) An electronic coin in accordance with claim [11] 12 wherein said computer data are digital data.

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14. (Amended) An electronic coin in accordance with claim [11] 12 wherein said commodity comprises a precious metal.

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15. (Amended) An electronic coin in accordance with claim [13] 14 wherein said precious metal comprises gold.

Remarks

By the foregoing Amendment, claims 12-15 are amended. Entry of the Amendment, and favorable consideration thereof is earnestly requested.

The Examiner has objected to claims as not supported by the drawings. Accordingly, a proposed new drawing Fig. 2 is submitted herewith. It is believed that the drawing does not constitute new matter, as it is supported in the specification at p. 6, lines 9-